

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

*You are invited to stand

∞ GATHERING ∞

PRELUDE

“Schmucke Dich, O Liebe Sele”

Gay Lyn Ferry

-Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

WELCOME

*EASTER PROCLAMATION *(repeat three times)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT *(turn and face the baptismal font)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW #367

*GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **G** **And also with you.**

*KYRIE *(Sung)*

front of ELW pg.147

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **G** **Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *(Sung)*

front of ELW pg. 149

- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- G** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Acts

At conclusion of reading

- L** The Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible, Page 1000

- A** From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^l fear the LORD.
- C** **The poor shall eat ^l and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ^l live forever!**
- C** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.
- C** **For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD, who rules o- ^l ver the nations.**
- C** Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ^l fore the LORD.
- C** **Their descendants shall ^l serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- ^l tions to come.**
- C** They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn, saying to them, "The ^l LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

L A reading from First John.

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God**

1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible, Page 1112

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 151

C Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

P The holy gospel according to John.

John 15:1-8

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 983

At conclusion of reading

L The gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF DAY**

"O Blessed Spring"

ELW #447

*NICENE CREED

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "hear our prayer".

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **☩** And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)



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"With Praises Ring"

-By Barbara B Kinon

Bells of Good Shepherd

*OFFERING HYMN

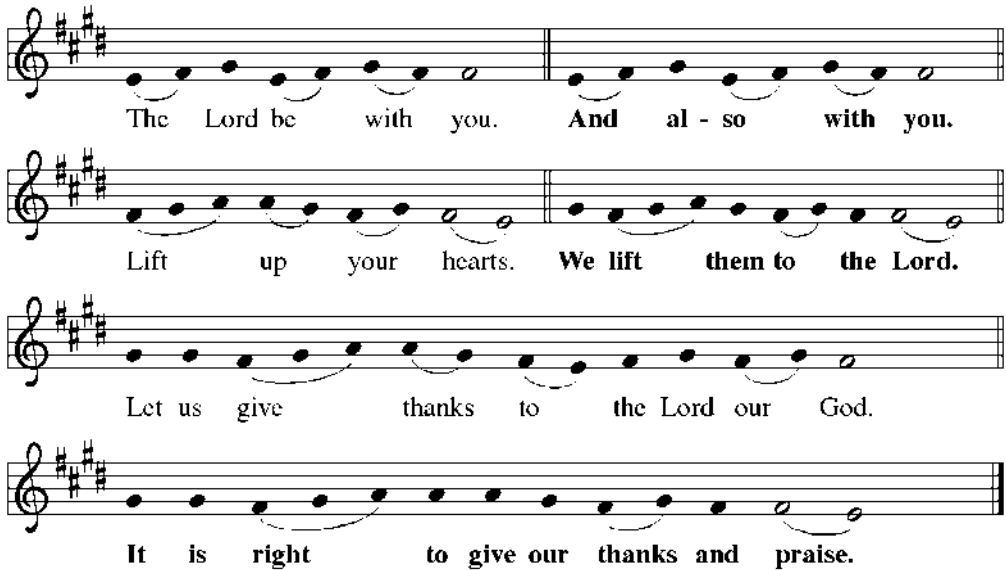
"Be Not Afraid"

ELW #388

*OFFERING PRAYER

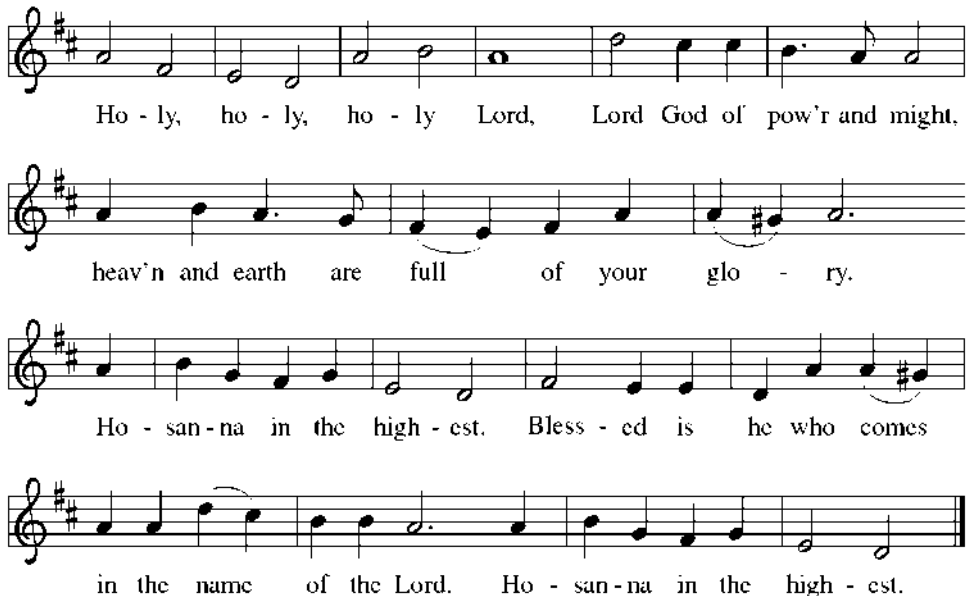
A Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **☩** Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

☑ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW #462

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☑ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. ☑ Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*BLESSING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **C** **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW #537

*DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Finale”
Edward Lois (1906-1968)

Gay Lyn Ferry

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AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

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